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News from the Iowa Action Coalition's Co-Chairs; Rita Frantz and Wendy Gray

We're excited to announce the launch of the Iowa Action Coalition's new website at:

<http://campaignforaction.org/state/iowa>

In addition to giving our action coalition a central location for news and resources, the website provides information from all the 49 state action coalitions and other updates from the Center to Champion Nursing in America. Please consider becoming a member of the website so that you can share comments and receive the latest news about the campaign.

Support for the Goal of Increasing the Proportion of BSN Nurses in Iowa

The Iowa Association of Community College Presidents (IACCP) released a statement on December 6th, 2012 supporting the efforts of the Iowa Action Coalition to increase the percent of nurses in Iowa with a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing (BSN). The presidents expressed their commitment to participate as full partners in the coalition's efforts to implement models of seamless transition from associate degree programs in nursing to BSN programs. Copies of the full statement and the 11/26/2012 Steering Committee Statement on Nursing Education are available on the new website at:

<http://campaignforaction.org/resources/?tax=state&term=iowa>

New Talking Points for the Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action

The Center to Champion Nursing in America (CCNA) recently issued new talking points about the Institute of Medicine report "The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health" and the goals of the national campaign. The PDF file is available at:

<http://campaignforaction.org/resource/new-talking-points-future-nursing-campaign-action>

The first three pages provide suggestions on how to use key messages, and the last two pages provide a list of the key messages.

Nurse Residency Task Force

Following the Nurse Residency Summit on July 9th, 2012, we had the wonderful problem of over 50 people volunteering for the Nurse Residency Task Force. To keep the task force a manageable size, we carefully selected a representative group from recent nurse graduates, education, long term care and leaders from a variety of hospitals (rural, urban and critical access). The task force roster is available at:

<http://campaignforaction.org/resource/roster-nurse-residency-task-force-iowa-action-coalition>

The Chair of the task force is Lori Forneris, Chief Clinical Officer of Loring Hospital. Their first

meeting was in October, and they are quickly making progress toward their two goals:

- 1.) Create a toolkit for health care organizations to implement their own competency-based nurse residency program
- 2.) Create curriculum and online education tools for implementing a competency-based nurse residency program for a statewide cohort of new nurses from critical access hospitals and other small health care providers

Iowa's application to receive funding for the activities of the Nurse Residency Task Force advanced to the final round of consideration. The final funding decision from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is expected in January 2013.

RN to BSN Task Force

Over 100 stakeholders from across Iowa attended the summit meeting on November 9, 2012. The purpose of the summit was to disseminate the work of the RN to BSN Task Force and solicit stakeholder feedback. Using a "World Café" format, stakeholders participated in small group discussions centered on the following questions:

- What are the driving and restraining forces affecting the goal of 50% BSNs by 2020 in Iowa?
- What can be done to work with these forces?
- What will nurse education in Iowa look like in order to meet the objective of 50% BSNs by 2020?

The small groups summarized their discussions and shared them with the larger group. The RN to BSN Task Force is using feedback from the summit to guide their work on advancing common admission standards, common prerequisite courses and collaborative working agreements between community college programs and public and private BSN programs. The goal is to connect coursework that can occur in various settings (such as high school, community colleges and four year programs) into a seamless path for nursing students to complete their BSN. A roster for the RN to BSN Task Force is available at:

<http://campaignforaction.org/resource/roster-rn-bsn-task-force-iowa-action-coalition>

Other Resources on New Website

- Update on Iowa Supreme Court Hearing on Case Regarding Nurse Practitioner Scope of Practice: <http://campaignforaction.org/community-post/iowa-supreme-court-hearing-case-regarding-nurse-practitioner-scope-practice>
- Presentation by Dr. Rita Frantz about the Iowa Action Coalition: <http://campaignforaction.org/resource/presentation-iowa-action-coalition-10102012>
- Roster and Charter for the Steering Committee of the Iowa Action Coalition: <http://campaignforaction.org/resource/roster-and-charter-steering-committee-iowa-action-coalition>
- Video of a commencement speech by RN-BSN graduate from the University of Iowa: <http://campaignforaction.org/video/commencement-speech-rn-bsn-graduate-university-iowa>